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Need More Patrolmen

By most acceptable standards, a metropolitan area city should have at least one police officer for each 1,000 persons living in the city. This is the suggested figure of the City Managers' Assn., and J. Edgar Hoover is reputed to favor a higher ratio of officers to population.

Torrance can meet the standard-by counting everybody on the force from the chief to the newest file clerk.

But Torrance does not meet the ratio needed in this city of 115.000 persons, a dozen commercial centers, industrial complexes, 20-square miles of land to patrol, and mile after mile of highway, boulevard, and major streets to police. The Torrance police department is spread too thin for the good of the city.

In coming months, City Manager Wade Peebles, his staff, and heads of the city's departments will go over the records, compute the costs of running the city, and try to allocate the anticipated revenue to the various departments for the most efficient operation to Torrance.

In this connection. The HERALD suggests that the city manager and the City Council give serious consideration to the needs of the city's police department.

At the present time, the city has 150 sworn personnel in the police department, but must spread its field forces too thin at times. Of the 150 persons assigned to the department, 16 are classified as matron file clerks, another is the department's only stenographer-secretary, and the 12 top officers are generally not available for field duty. These include the chief, assistant chief, captain, and nine lieu-

Charged with direct supervision in the field are eight sergeants, cutting the available patrol forces to a bare compliance with the standards suggested by the City Managers' Assn.

Without the homegenous grouping which marks most cities, the challenge in Torrance is to provide adequate police protection on several widely scattered fronts.

Expansion of the police department to provide the measure of protection to which its citizens are entitled will cost money.

The true fact that the city's patrol forces are now spread too thinly over this growing city cannot be continued however. We believe it incumbent on the city manager and members of the City Council to bend every effort toward meeting this challenge.

Asking for It

Most of the laws on our statutes either are unused or were put there because of the excesses of a few. Nevertheless they have been necessary just as some of the new laws being suggested in Congress to curb the unbridled power of some unions are needed today.

There was a time, a few decades ago, when some industries and businesses were running rough shod over their employes and resorting to a variety of largely unethical and even dastardly tactics to thwart legitimate unionization under responsible leadership.

The unbridled right to call and prolong strikes, that gravely damage the public interest and weaken our national defense, has reached a point of crisis that is seriously undermining public sympathy for the organized labor movement.

Greed, arrogance and disregard of the public interest helped get business and industry in dutch with the people a long time ago. Some union leaders apparently aren't willing to take a look at history long enough to learn that their present situation, at least as far as it concerns public sympathy, is much like that of the railroad and steel barons in the first decades of this century.

Regulation of union activity is now inevitable, distasteful as it may be to some of the legislators who have fawned on labor leaders at election time. If it had not been for the reluctance of our national administration to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act, a sound law, many of our costly strikes could have been settled early. This points up the fact that sincere political office holders at all levels of government generally can find a law on the statutes that, if used with determination, can prove effective in guarding the public

George Washington Grows

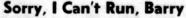
George Washington's Birthday anniversary offers an opportunity for Americans to ponder the quality of leader-ship this nation had in its beginning. George Washington was supreme, by any measurement of history, among the inspired group of men who established this nation of free people.

Despite his detractors, and the probing of professional and amateur antiquarians and historians over the past 175 years, the name of Washington still is synonymous with courage and integrity. It seems to gain lustre as the years roll by. Today, no one can sincerely question the Washington brand of courage and the prophetic wisdom of his Farewell Address leaves little doubt that this "Father of His Country" possessed a quality of mind unsurpassed in

Opinions of Others

In the view of Vice President Robert R. Gros of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., the advertising man is not a "flashy, tricky, huckster intent on bamboozling the public. In a recent speech, as reported by Stanford Review, he declared that the advertising man has taught "us how to lead a better life and contributed enormously to our tastes, high standards, and general social improvement." Also, he added, "advertising is practiced out in the open for all to see and that shady or misleading advertising destroys its perpe-

It is reported that as much as one-fifth of American industry's capital spending for new plant and equipment this year may be earmarked for automation and instrumen-





James Dorais

Out of State Natural Gas for Californians

(Third in a series on California's natural gas indus-

The recent official Report to the Governor on Production and Consumption of Nation and Consumption of Natural Gas in California points out that total gas utilization in the state increased between 1946 and 1961 by 181

per cent. Since 1947, the first year out-of-state gas was brought to California by pipeline, im-ports of gas increased by 250

An idea of the importance of out-of-state gas supplies to California consumers can be gained from the Report's statement that "approximate-ly 25 trillion cubic feet of out-of-state natural gas re-serves are under contract to California gas utility companies for the next 20 years. This volume is equal to about 2½ times the proven reserve volume of California-source gas."

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Imports of gas are
brought in from enormous
distances by pipeline, under long-term, extremely
c omplicated contractural arrangements between transmission companies and gas utilities.
Prices to the utilities are
regulated by the Federal
Power Commission, and
prices charged by the utilities to their customers are
regulated by the California
Public Utilities Commission.

How reasonable are natural

gas prices?
The Governor's Report states that the average price paid by the gas utilities at the California border has increased 125 per cent since 1947, while the wholesale 1947, while the wholesale price index for all commodi-ties other than farm and foods increased 34 per cent during the same period. On the other hand, since

1940, the price of natural gas charged by the gas utilities to consumers has risen about 70 per cent, while the cost of living index has increased by

114 per cent. Statistical tables in Governor's Report indicate that prices for out-of-state gas may be expected to in-crease in the future, though not necessarily in the same ratio as in the past. One of the major suppliers, El Paso Natural Gas Co., has just been ordered by the Federal Power Commission to reduce its rates to the California utilities, who in turn have asked State PUC approval to reduce rates to consumers.

Compared with natural gas consumers in other states, California consumers fare very well. According to the Public Utilities Commission. costs to the typical home-owner in San Francisco and Los Angeles are among the lowest in the nation — about the same as in such cities as New Orleans, Dallas and

Houston, in the heart of the country's major oil and gas producing areas, and less than half as much as the cost of natural gas to the typical homeowner in New York and

The price picture is further complicated by the fact that there are two major classes of customers: domestic and commercial customers, who receive gas at a lower rate on a basis that is "interrup-

tible" when, as in the winter season, domestic require-

"Without the industrial customer," the Report observes, "the gas utilities could not maintain their pipeline at a sufficiently high lead factor to incur research." load factor to insure reason able prices to the domestic customers."

(Next: Disturbing develop-ments in the gas picture.)

Beebe Takes Dim View Of the Folksy Banker

By LUCIUS BEEBE Last week at a Lake Tahoe resort that shall be nameless, I encountered the president of one of the largest banks in the West. He was seated at a table with two well known gamblers and a hotel man, attired in a sports shirt of alarming pattern with no necktie. He was drinking highballs which were fetched by a cocktail waitress in an by a cocktail waitress in an even more alarming absence of anything except black silk stockings reaching up to there, secured with crimson

garters.

The conversation wasn't exactly depraved but was of an order appropriately low and in keeping with the surround-ings, being concerned with

Democratic politics.

Since we were all there together, I could see no valid reason for not joining the party for a few belts of Jack Daniel's and branch and attempting to elevate the conversation with Republican politics.

Now it so happens that I have a modest amount on dehave a modest amount on de-posit with the bank represen-ted by the presidential sport and that its reputation is a very good one. Further, there is no reason why the banker shouldn't drink whiskey with gamblers who were probably a good deal more important depositors than I. But the episode disturbed me vaguely, in much the same manner that I was disturbed some years ago, late in the evening, in passing the old Fifth Avenue Bank in New York to see several of the tall windows of

its counting rooms open somewhat at the top.

Despite the fact that the Fifth Avenue Bank had an open fireplace with a real fire in winter and kept its of-ficers at roll top. desks I ficers at roll top desks, I withdrew my account the next day and put the money elsewhere, under the dress shirts in my bureau at home to be exact. A bank that leaves its windows open at night isn't a good risk.

The new and folksy approach to money generally tends to disturb me emotionally. Banks with no teller's grilles or visible police guards, and bankers without hats and waistcoats — that sort of thing. I realize that

the frock coat and probably even the cutaway morning coat has gone from the Amer-ican business scene for good, but any banker who is going to have my money in his keeping has got to wear a waistcoat and hat, and it would help if he carried gloves. Custodianship of money demands a certain nod in the general direction of the proprieties.

of the proprieties.

My ideal banker was, of course, the ancient George F.

course, the ancient George F. Baker, who wore side wheel whiskers and a square derby hat to the end. He encouraged confidence in depositors just to look at him.

Baker deserved the confidence he aroused. On a sick bed at the age of 80 during the 1930 depression, he heard that the stock market had achieved an all-time low. Struggling with the nurses. Struggling with the nurses, he commanded a car and headed downtown crying: "I've been in 10 depressions and made money in every damned one of them!" He

made money in 1930, 20 mil-lion roughly. The cheery banker who is available to all comers is something new in my experi-ence, like the banker in the sports shirt. In my father's bank in Boston was a particu-larly menacing looking vice president with a brown beard and old fashioned tail coat, who sat at a desk com-manding the entrance. He al-ways slashed viciously at the mail with what seemed to have been a specially sharp bayonet or disemboweling tool. When a guard apprised him of a caller waiting on him, he would snarl: "What does the lascal want? Turn him out!"

him out!"

There was a man for my money, although I heard that after hours he was the soul of geniality and, as a hobby, could identify every headstone in the Granary Burying Ground in Tremont Street. Ground in Tremont Street.

A San Francisco banker who had my unqualified ap-proval was the late I. W Hellman of Wells Fargo Bank. As he approached a monumental birthday, the employes of the firm were moved to arrange a pienic in his honor. Nothing riotous, just a port of token of what passes for affection in large repositories of

A Bookman's Notebook-

'Marlene Dietrich's ABC' Termed Underrated Work

William Hogan

Several months ago a book appeared titled "Marlene Dietrich's ABC." In brief paragraphs the veteran actress commented on everything from Girdles to Gou-lash. "GIRDLE: An unattractive object. Women have im-mense faith in the miracles a girdle can produce. I believe they are laboring under a false illusion, I don't feel equipped to argue too vehem-ently about the pros and cons

of girdles, except to say that the natural line of a woman's body has its points."

When it appeared, I com-mented briefly on "Marlene Dietrich's ABC." At the time it looked to me like one of those non-books by actresses. those non-books by actresses that are always wit Frankly, I spent little

with it.

A reader recently sent me
a copy, noting that "Marlene
Dietrich's ABC" (Doubleday;
\$3.95) is an underrated book. After another look, I agree. Among the points in its favor, my correspondent vol-unteers, is that Miss Dietrich is not afraid to be sentimental, whether she writes o

Berlin, or beauty, or the plight of the Ugly Duckling. Of sentiment, in fact, Miss Dietrich observes: "In fear of being sentimental people of-ten shun sentiment. A sad

Apparently the text is all hers. No ghosts, no publicists involved. The author may be the world's most glamorous grandmother, but she is also a civilized human being whose observations here are

whose observations here are among the most amusing I have read in a long time.

On Hands: "I like intelligent hands and working hands, regardless of their shape in relation to beauty. Idle hands, stupid hands can be pretty, but there is not much beauty in them. Of course, children's hands are miracles from every point of miracles from every point of

view."
On Happiness: "I do not think we have a 'right' to happiness. If happiness happens, say thanks."
On Happy Endings: "I love happy endings. I do."
Miss Dietrich on Gallows Humor: "Adapted from the German Gallenhumor. Meaning: The ability to laugh at

ing: The ability to laugh at one's own fate when directly confronted with disaster. It might seem strange that such a word should originate with the Germans, who, as a na-tion, are not blessed with a

wealth, and possibly a half day's holiday. Mr. Hellman was moved by the news and the attendant invitation. He the attendant invitation. He hadn't imagined a ny body downstairs knew he was still around and was touched. He was enchanted, too, with the idea of a picnic. "But I shall not, of course, be there," he said. Nothing frivolous for I, W. Hellman.

My loyalties are all with Hellman and George Baker,

My loyalties are all with Hellman and George Baker, men of the J. P. Morgan mold who could freeze the blood with the same sneer that they afforded the security of a hopeful borrower. There is nothing Trivolous a bout money — even if it isn't worth anything, as is rapidly becoming the case. Look at the number of bank holdups every week.

every week.

If anybody will show me a banker with mutton chop whiskers vho makes threatening motions at street urchins with his walking cane while descending from a while descending from a Pierce Arrow, he can have my account in a jiffy. If there is anything I tend to take a dim view of, it's what we may agree to call the sports car attitude toward money (Chronicle Features)

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sense of humor. My gallows humor was Hemingway's great joy. It was one of the reasons he made me his friend."

Well, perhaps you sense Well, perhaps you sense the atmosphere of these ideas and opinions. Miss Dietrich's thoughtful meandering through the alphabet is an added reminder of how remarkable a human being she is: I am indebted to a estisfield reader for sharing a satisfield reader for sharing his enthusiasm

Notes on the Margin . . Robert and Seon Man-ley, a husband and wife team, have edited "The Age of the Manager," which consists of entertaining pieces of able and effective writers on the subject of business lead-ership. Profiles, fiction, spe-cifics, generalities, the book becomes a story of a most important character in to-day's society . . . the boss. His "image" benefits from the treatment. (Macmillan;

s8.50).
...Twelve stories that Sinclair Lewis published between 1916 and 1945 appear under the title "I'm a Stranger Here Myself," selected and with an introduction by Mark Schere. introduction by Mark Schorer (Dell; 50 cents).

Around the World With

DELAPLANE

"What is the book you mentioned on 'How to Learn French and Spanish'?"

There are two books by Margarite Madrigal: "Magic Key to Spanish" and "Magic Key to French." Both have been the best refresher and learning books I've read.

* * "When a woman is alone in a strange, foreign city, can she dine alone in a restaurant that has a floor show?

I think you can rate this by the place. Just as you would in New York. If you're afraid of pickup approaches, most women traveling in Europe find they are approached on the street more often in Italy and France. Seldom in England, Germany or Switzerland.

* "We would like to see a good floor show in Paris but don't want to get in a clip joint or anything like that?"

The Lido is the best show in Paris. The show is excellent and has great staging. The rule is that you buy a bottle of champagne for two-about \$10. That's all you

The famed Folies Bergere I think is good for once. But it does so well because of years of publicity that they don't change the show often. And I thought last time it looked a little shoddy.

The Casino de Paris is like the Folies but a little easier to get tickets.

"If we want to see Taxco, Mexico and Acapulco-

a very economical level but well—how do we go about it?"

I'd arrange with the Mexico City hotel desk to put you on a turismo. These are limousines running on a bus schedule. Carry about seven passengers. If you go on a tour basis, it is higher priced. That is with your own or shared car and driver.

"How do we arrange for driving permits and insur-

ance in Europe? Is it difficult to cross borders?"
You can get your International Driving License through any AAA member office. Two passport photos and \$2.

It is no longer difficult to take cars from country to country. You get international insurance—that is what is important or you can't do the border crossing. What you need is the famous insurance "green card."

You get this through AAA too if you know your car and registration number. Otherwise, the car seller gets it for you. Or you can get it through the AAA office in the

A very handy thing to have with you-or buy there: Get a thermos bottle. (You can't buy them everywhere in Europe so I take one.) You find you want coffee on the road or you want to carry bottled water. These are not as available as you find them here in America.

"We have been told to take typhoid shots for a trip to Ireland. But now an Irish doctor who is visiting here, tells us this is nonsense. What do you think?"

If I were just going to Ireland, I wouldn't take any-

thing except the smallpox vaccination (within the past three years) required by the U. S. to get back into the country. Ireland has health department standards like America.

Stan Delaplane finds it impossible to answer al! of his travel mail.

For his intimate tips on Japan, Italy, England, France, Russia, Hawaii, Mexico, Ireland, and Spain 10 cents each), send coins and stamped, self-addressed. Bure envelope to the Torrance HERALD, Box RR, Torrance,

Morning Report:

The American Peace Corps is doing just dandy in "? underdeveloped countries of Africa. And the same is .pected for the American Service Corps in the under veloped cities of this country. But I think Mr. Kenneuy shouldn't stop there.

While he's been busy so far with our underdevelaged neighbors, we have been having nothing but trouble with the countries who loved us the most. We have helped some of them get so developed they are threatening to leave our

I suggest he form an American Marriage Counsel r Corps and send it to the front immediately. The first contingent can just walk across the border to Canada.

Abe Mellinkoff